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**PATENT** 

Applicant: Swanson et al.

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Title: Composite Structures and Methods for Ablating Tissue to Form Complex Lesion Patterns in the Treatment of Cardiac Conditions and the Like

**Group Art Unit:** 3737

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